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January 31, 2002

Ms. Linda Meyer
Office of Waste and Chemical Management (HW-124)
US Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

Re: Closure Settlement Report #9 for Ponds 8E, 15S and Phase IV Ponds
Closure Settlement Report #5 for Pond 16S
Astaris Idaho LLC., EPA ID No. IDD 07092 9518

Dear Ms. Meyer:

Please find enclosed the ninth quarterly Settlement Monitoring Progress Report for Ponds 8E, 15S, and the Phase IV ponds and the fifth quarterly Settlement Monitoring Progress Report for Pond 16S as per the requirements set forth in the respective closure plans.

As described in the enclosed report, monitoring data indicate that settlement may be approaching ultimate values at some monuments/ponds, but settlement rates at the units are not definitively below acceptable levels for final cap construction as specified in the respective closure plans.

FMC will continue settlement monitoring and will reevaluate the settlement duration estimates at the end of the following quarter in the next progress report that will be submitted by April 30, 2002.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (208) 236-8658.

Very truly yours,



Rob J. Hartman
FMC Corporation

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Enclosure